NEW MEXICO WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 20.6.6 NMAC.

The New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on November 16, 2011 at the New Mexico State Capitol Building, Room 307, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico to consider proposed amendments to the Commission's Dairy Rule, 20.6.6 NMAC, proposed in WQCC Docket Number 11-04(R) by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), the Dairy Industry Group for a Clean Environment (DIGCE), Amigos Bravos, Caballo Concerned Citizens and the Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter (Coalition).

The proposed rule changes correct minor errors and provide greater flexibility to dairy operators in the management of their facilities while still continuing to protect ground water.

The proposed changes may be reviewed during regular business hours at the Commission Administrator's office located in the Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Room N-2153 Santa Fe, NM, 87505. In addition, copies of the proposed amendments are posted on the NMED website at http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/gwb/NMED-GWQB-DairyRegDevelopment.htm.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Guidelines for Water Quality Control Commission Regulation Hearings, the Water Quality Act, Section 74-6-6 NMSA 1978, and other applicable procedures. Written comments regarding the proposed revisions may be addressed to Ms. Carmella Casados, Commission Administrator, at the above address; reference docket number WQCC 11-04(R).

All interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity at the hearing to submit relevant evidence, data, views and arguments, orally or in writing, to introduce exhibits, and to examine witnesses. Any person who wishes to submit a non-technical written statement for the record in lieu of oral testimony must file such statement prior to the close of the hearing.

Persons wishing to present technical testimony must file with the Commission a written notice of intent to do so. The requirements for a notice of intent can be found in the Commission's Guidelines for Regulation Hearings and may be modified by procedural orders entered in this matter, which may be obtained from the Administrator. Notices of intent for the hearing must be received in the Office of the Commission Administrator by 5:00 pm on November 1, and should reference the name of the regulation, the date of the hearing, and docket number WQCC 11-04 (R).

If you are an individual with a disability and you require assistance or an auxiliary aid, e.g. sign language interpreter, to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact the Personnel Services Bureau by November 1, 2011. The Bureau can be reached at the New Mexico Environment Department, 1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469, (505) 827-9872. TDD or TDY users may access this number via the New Mexico Relay Network (Albuquerque TDD users: (505) 275-7333; outside of Albuquerque: 1-800-659-1779.)

The Commission may make a decision on the proposed regulatory change at the conclusion of the hearing, or may convene a meeting after the hearing to consider action on the proposal.